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SUBJ: 200 BED PORTABLE HOSPITAL

1. UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY OF HEALTH BARJES AL-BARJES HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING CONSTRUCTOR/MANUFACTURER OF 200-BED PORTABLE HOSPITAL WHICH CAN BE SET UP IN TWO MONTHS OR LESS. ACCORDING TO BARJES HOSPITAL WOULD BE USED AS TEMPORARY WING FOR EXISTING HOSPITALS AND CLINICS. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE TRANSPORTED TO OTHER LOCATIONS AS NEEDED. HE RECALLS MEETING WITH US BUSINESSMAN ABOUT SUCH A HOSPITAL SEVERAL YEARS AGO. WE BELIEVE MAN IN QUESTION WAS FOREST L NEAL OF THE GARRETT CORP, 9851 SEPULVEDA BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. NEAL WAS ON A 1973 USDOC TRADE MISSION AND HIS COMPANY FEATURED A SELF-CONTAINED, TRANSPORTABLE MEDICAL FIELD UNIT.

2. REQUEST COMMERCE CONTACT GARRETT AND OTHERS CAPABLE PROVIDING KUWAIT WITH SUCH A UNIT AND HAVE THEM SEND FULL PARTICULARS TO BARJES AL-BARJES, UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY OF HEALTH, PO BOX 5, KUWAIT. THEY SHOULD SEND COPIES CORRESPONDENCE TO EMBASSY.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH BARJES NOT EXPLICIT ABOUT WHY THIS HOSPITAL NEEDED, WE BELIEVE IT IN CONJUNCTION WITH KUWAIT'S PLANS BUILD FIVE HOSPITALS THIS YEAR WHICH IN SOME CASES WILL DISRUPT OPERATIONS OF PRE-EXISTING FACILITIES.
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